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SUBJECT: MPLA REVIEWS THE MILITARY SITUATION

1. MPLA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 16 IN WHICH CHIEF OF INFORMATION SERVICES, LUIS DE ALMEIDA, CASTIGATED REUTERS, UPI AND BBC FOR SENDING OUT DISTORTED NEWS. HE CITED PRESS ACCOUNTS TO THE EFFECT THAT UNITA HAD TAKEN LOBITO AS AN EXAMPLE.

2. IMMORTAL MONSTER GAVE A RUNDOWN ON THE MILITARY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. MONSTER SAID THAT THE FNLA TACTIC OF TRYING TO TAKE POWER BY FORCE BECAUSE IT LACKS POPULAR SUPPORT HAS BEEN UNMASKED AND THAT UNITA HAS SHOWN ITS TRUE COLORS BY ALLYING ITSELF WITH THE FNLA. HE MENTIONED THE EVACUATION OF FNLA AND UNITA NORT OF LUANDA, HE SAID, THE SITUATION AROUND CAXITO IS UNCHANGED. FNLA IS NORTH OF THE BARRA DO DANDE  
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AND IN CAXITO ITSELF, WHERE IT HAS SUFFERED

ARTILLERY ATTACKS BY MPLA. AN FNLA ATTEMPT TO BREAK THROUGH AT THE BARRA WAS REPULSED WITH LOSS OF FNLA LIVES AND THE CAPTURE OF EQUIPMENT BY MPLA. FORCES OF THE MPLA FIRST POLITICO-MILITARY REGION HAVE HIT THE FNLA REAR.

3. MONSTER SAID THAT MPLA PRACTICALLY CONTROLS THE DISTRICT OF LUANDA AND CUANZA NORTE. AFTER TAKING DALANTANDO AND LUCALA, MPLA NOW CONTROLS THE ROAD TO MALANGE. AFTER TAKING LUCALA, MPLA TROOPS DROVE FNLA BACK TO SAMBA CAJU. MPLA ALSO CONTROLS THE CAXITO/CARMONA HIGHWAY TO UCUA AND PIRI. MPLA IS THE ONLY FORCE PRESENT IN CABINDA (SECOND POLITICO-MILITARY REGION). IN THE THIRD POLITICO-MILITARY REGION, IN THE EAST, MPLA HAS MALANGE AND THE ENTIRE DISTRICT OF LUANDA. IN MOXICO, THE RAILROAD BETWEEN TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA AND LUSO IS IN MPLA HANDS. FNLA WAS DRIVEN OUT OF LUSO, BUT UNITA IS STILL THERE AND THE SITUATION IS TENSE. (UNITA WITHDREW THE FOLLOWING DAY).

4. IN NOVA LISBOA, THE FNLA ATTACKED MPLA, MPLA COUNTER-ATTACKED AND HAD DESTROYED THE FNLA INSTALLATIONS IN THE CITY WHEN UNITA, AIDED BY ARMED CIVILIANS, ENTERED THE BATTLE ON THE SIDE OF THE FNLA AND FORCED THE MPLA TO WITHDRAW, AFTER WHICH ALL MPLA SYMPATHIZERS AND MILITANTS WERE HUNTED DOWN. ON AUGUST 14, SAID MONSTER, MPLA POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER JOAQUIM KAPANGU AND ANOTHER MPLA MEMBER, KAPANGU, WERE FORCIBLY REMOVED BY UNITA TROOPS FROM A PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE IN NOVA LISBOA, BEATEN AND TAKEN PRISONER.

5. MPLA HAS WON IN LOBITO AND ALSO CONTROLS MOST OF CUANZA SUL (NOVO REDONDO, GABELA, PORTO AMBOIM). UNITA AND FNLA HOLD QUIBALA AND CELA. IN THE SOUTH, IN SA DA BANDEIRA, THE SITUATION IS TENSE, BUT MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PREVENTED AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS. IN CUNENE, THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ON ANGOLAN SOIL UNDER THE PRETEXT OF PROTECTING THE DAM AT RUACANA. FNLA AND MPLA HAVE FOUGHT IN THE AREA OF MOCAMEDES, BUT THE SITUATION IS STILL NOT DEFINED. IN CUANDO CUBANGO, UNITA AND FNLA

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CONTROL MONONGUE (SERPA PINTO) AND HAVE PREVENTED THE DEPARTURE OF PORTUGUESE CIVIL SERVANTS AND CIVILIANS. KILLORAN

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